



## RESOLUTION

### NAMING THE GYM IN WHITMORE COMMUNITY PARK THE TORAO AND SUMIE MATSUMOTO GYM.

WHEREAS, subsections (e) and (f) of Sec. 22-9.5 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("ROH"), states:

- (e) All naming or renaming of city parks, sites or facilities or any portion thereof shall be by resolution by the council of the City and County of Honolulu. Approval for the erection or placement of permanent memorials shall be by resolution, provided that an appropriate budget ordinance has been enacted where required.
- (f) The council may, on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth herein, by adoption of an appropriate resolution;

and

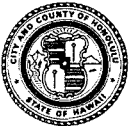
WHEREAS, additionally, ROH Sec. 22-9.3 states that, "in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site, facility or any portion thereof may be named for a person, or for a belief, ideal, concept or historical event of significance to the community, city, nation or world"; and

WHEREAS, Torao Matsumoto ("Torao") was born in Kumamoto, Japan on February 20, 1901, moved to the island of Maui in the fall of 1902, and later relocated to Waialua, Oahu, five years later; and

WHEREAS, Sumie Miike ("Sumie") was born in Kumamoto, Japan on March 19, 1901, spent her childhood in Japan, and arrived in Hawaii on April 2, 1921 as a picture bride for Torao; and

WHEREAS, Torao and Sumie were married on October 24, 1921, and moved to Kemoo Camp to work for the Hawaiian Pineapple Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, Torao bought a store in Kemoo Camp, naming it the T. Matsumoto Store, and eventually Torao and Sumie quit their work at the Hawaiian Pineapple Company to focus on the store; and



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WHEREAS, between 1927 and 1932, Torao and Sumie became the proud parents of four sons named Hisashi, Toraki, Takeo, and Harold, who all helped their parents at the store when they were old enough; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, Torao bought another store at Kaukonahua Camp and also named it the T. Matsumoto Store; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, in order to make room for pineapple fields, the various camps were combined to form Whitmore Village, where Torao and Sumie moved and lived for the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, in Whitmore Village, Torao built another T. Matsumoto Store, changing the name to Whitmore Supermarket in 1956 after a store expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Matsumotos were known to extend credit to the plantation workers, and often forgave the debt of struggling families; and

WHEREAS, Torao and Sumie retired in the 1960s, although they continued to keep active in the store operations; and

WHEREAS, Torao and Sumie were very active in the Whitmore Senior Citizens Club, Wahiawa Rainbow Club, Wahiawa-Waialua Kumamoto Kenjinkai, Wahiawa Kojukai, Wahiawa Nichiren Mission and various other organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Torao was chosen by the City and County of Honolulu as an Outstanding Senior Citizen; and

WHEREAS, Torao passed away on October 3, 1981 and Sumie passed away seven months later, on May 24, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the council feels that naming a park facility after Torao and Sumie Matsumoto would be an appropriate way to honor the contributions that they made to the Whitmore Village community; and

WHEREAS, Whitmore Community Park is a 0.92-acre park located at 1259 Whitmore Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii, with various facilities including a gym; now, therefore,

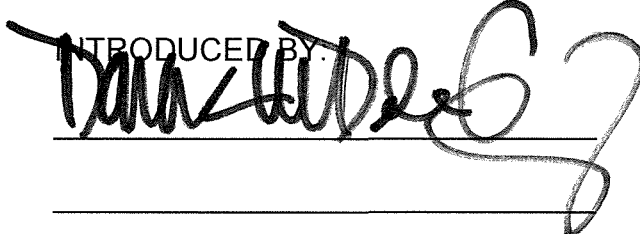
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the gym at Whitmore Community Park be renamed the Torao and Sumie Matsumoto Gym; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council requests the city administration to erect appropriate signage and approves the placement of such signage at the park; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor, the director of parks and recreation, and the family of the late Torao and Sumie Matsumoto.

INTRODUCED BY: 

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**OCT 04 2010**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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**RESOLUTION 10-291**

Introduced: 10/04/10 By: DONOVAN DELA CRUZ

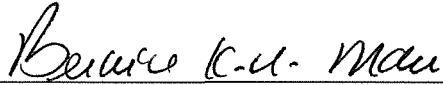
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Links: [RES10-291](#)  
[CR-342](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES	10/07/10	CR-342 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.			
COUNCIL	10/13/10	CR-342 AND RESOLUTION 10-291 WERE ADOPTED.			
ANDERSON	Y	APO	Y	CACHOLA	Y
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				DONOHUE	Y

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

  
TODD K. APO, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER